(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Hindi Salahakhar Samiti was re-constituted on 1.7.1999.

(b) and (c) Owing to the dissolution of the 12th Lok Sabha and undertaking the process again on the constitution of the 13th Lok Sabha, it took time to receive the nominations of the Members. Efforts shall be made to hold Hindi Salahakar Samiti meetings regularly.

Autonomy for BBUNL Subsidiaries

398. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "BBUNL Union seek autonomy for subsidiaries which appeared in the Times of India (Kolkata), dated 1st December, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, specially the reason for keeping a top heavy holding company when most of its subsidiaries are either sick or being privatised; and

(c) the reason why some of these subsidiaries which are having full-fledged Boards of Directors cannot run on their own?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) BBUNL Union has not formally sought any such intervention from the Government of India so far. Presently, there is no proposal for winding up of BBUNL.

Steps to Save CCI Units

399. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken appropriate steps to save different units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) from the position of being sick;

(b) whether steps have been taken to improve the functioning of Bokajan Unit of CCI;

(c) if so, what are those; and